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SUBJECT: Logographs for Briefs

1. Field Bureaus which supply briefs in daily report style should include all information essential to complete identification of the items in terminal logographs even though these logographs may not appear in full in the daily report. The reasons for this are:

a. The items may be needed on the "B" Wire, which runs full logographs.

b. The daily report editor may need to run the item not as a brief but as a summary or otherwise, in which case the full logograph is required.

c. It is occasionally necessary to pinpoint the source transmission of a brief.

2. To determine the essential elements of a terminal logograph, the following criteria should be applied.

a. Location, month and date-time group are sufficient when source, language, beam, and mode of transmission are obvious.

EXAMPLES: Mecca April 101715  
Chengteh April Q91230  
Irkutsk April 120015

b. Source must be included when significant and not obvious.

EXAMPLES: COCQ Havana April 121725  
DZFM Manila April 141045  
Madrid Voz de Falange April 102230

c. Press sources must always be indicated.

EXAMPLES: Cairo ANA April 081712  
London Reuters April 132315

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d. Beam must be included when significant and not obvious.

EXAMPLES: Bucharest Home April 140355  
Mukden Regional April 140945  
Mukden Northeast April 131230

e. Language must be included when significant and not obvious.

EXAMPLES: Moscow Mandarin April 140830  
Tabriz Azerbaijani April 101637  
Sofia Home Turkish April 081540  
Sofia Turkish Near East April 081645  
Saigon AFP French April 131245

f. When in doubt, include everything except prepositions, articles, day of week, and year.

EXAMPLES: Moscow TASS English Morse Far East April 112030  
HCJB Quito Spanish Latin America April 121300  
Moscow Soviet Information Bureau  
Russian Hellschreiber Far East April 140435

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